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MUNDIVAGANT. *adj.* [*mundivagus*, Lat.] Wandering through the world. *Di.*
 MUNDUNGUS. *n. f.* Stinking tobacco. *Bailey.*
 MURNERARY. *adj.* [from *munus*, Lat.] Having the nature of a gift.
 MUNGREL. *n. f.* [frequently written *mongrel*. See *MONGREL*.] Any thing generated between different kinds; any thing partaking of the qualities of different causes or parents.
 Mastiff, greyhound, *mongrel* grim,
 Hound or spaniel, brache, or hym,
 Or bobtail tike, or trundle tail. *Shakefp.*
 MUNGREL. *adj.* Generated between different natures; base-born; degenerate.
 Thou art nothing but the composition of a knave, beggar, coward, pander, and the son and heir of a *mongrel* bitch. *Shakefp. King Lear.*
 My people are grown half wild, they would not precipitate themselves else into such a mixt *mongrel* war. *Howel.*
Mongrel curs bawl, snarle and snap, where the fox flies before them, and clap their tails between the legs when an adversary makes head against them. *L'Estrange.*
 A foreign son is fought and a mix'd *mongrel* brood. *Dry.*
 MUNICIPAL. *adj.* [*municipal*, Fr. *municipalis*, *municipium*, Lat.] Belonging to a corporation.
 A counsellor, bred up in the knowledge of the *municipal* and statute laws, may honestly inform a just prince how far his prerogative extends. *Dryden.*
 MUNIFICENCE. *n. f.* [*munificence*, Fr. *munificencia*, Lat.] Liberality; the act of giving.
 A state of poverty obscures all the virtues of liberality and *munificence*. *Addison's Spectator*, N° 257.
 2. In *Spenser* it is used, as it seems, for fortification or strength, from *munitiones facere*.
 Their importune sway
 This land invaded with like violence,
 Until that Locrine for his realms defence,
 Did head against them make, and strong *munificence*. *Fairy Queen*, b. ii.
 MUNIFICENT. *adj.* [*munificus*, Lat.] Liberal; generous.
 Is he not our most *munificent* benefactor, our wisest counsellor and most potent protector. *Atterbury.*
 MUNIFICENTLY. *adv.* [from *munificent*.] Liberally; generously.
 MUNIMENT. *n. f.* [*munimentum*, Lat.]
 1. Fortification; strong hold.
 2. Support; defence.
 The arm our soldier,
 Or steel the leg, the tongue our trumpeter;
 With other *muniments* and petty helps
 In this our fabrick. *Shakefp. Coriolanus.*
 To MUNITE. *v. a.* [*munio*, Lat.] To fortify; to strengthen.
 A word not in use.
 Heat doth attenuate, and the more gross and tangible parts contract, both to avoid vacuum, and to *munite* themselves against the force of the fire. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*
 Men, in the procuring or *munition* of religious unity, must not dissolve the laws of charity and human society. *Bacon.*
 MUNITION. *n. f.* [*munition*, Fr. *munition*, Lat.]
 1. Fortification; strong hold.
 Victors under-pin their acquiesce jure belli, that they might not be lost by the continuation of external forces of standing armies, castles, garisons, *munitions*. *Hale.*
 2. Ammunition; materials for war.
 What penny hath Rome borne,
 What men provided, what *munition* sent,
 To underprop this action? *Shakefp. King John.*
 The king of Tripolie in every hold
 Shut up his men, *munition* and his treasure. *Fairfax.*
 It is a little city, strong and well stored with *munition*. *Sandys's Journey.*
 MUNITION. *n. f.*
 The upright posts, that divide the several lights in a window frame, are called *munitions*. *Moxon.*
 MURAGE. *n. f.* [from *murus*, Lat.] Money paid to keep walls in repair.
 MURAL. *adj.* [*muralis*, *urns*, Lat.] Pertaining to a wall.
 And repair'd
 Her *mural* breach, returning whence it row'd. *Milton.*
 In the nectarine and the like delicate *mural* fruit, the later your pruning, the better. *Evelyn's Kalendar.*
 A soldier would venture his life for a *mural* crown. *Addison.*
 MURDER. *n. f.* [*monder*, *monben*, Sax. *murdrum*, law Lat. the etymology requires that it should be written, as it anciently often was, *murder*; but of late the word itself has commonly, and its derivatives universally, been written with *d*.] The act of killing a man unlawfully; the act of killing criminally.
 Kill men i' th' dark! where be these bloody thieves?
 Ho murder! murder! *Shakefp. Othello.*
 Now witchcraft celebrates
 Pale Hecate's offerings; and wither'd *murder*,
 With Tarquin's ravishing strides, towards his design
 Moves like a ghost. *Shakefp. Macbeth.*
 Blood hath been shed ere now, i' th' olden time,
 Ere human statute purg'd the general weal;
 Ay, and since too, *murders* have been perform'd
 Too terrible for th' ear. *Shakefp. Macbeth.*
 Slaughter grows *murder* when it goes too far,
 And makes a massacre what was a war. *Dryden.*
 The killing of their children had, in the account of God,
 the guilt of *murder*, as the offering them to idols had the guilt of idolatry. *Locke.*
 To MURDER. *v. a.* [from the noun.]
 1. To kill a man unlawfully.
 If he dies, I *murder* him, not they. *Dryden.*
 2. To destroy; to put an end to.
 Can't thou quake and change thy colour,
 Murder thy breath in middle of a word,
 And then again begin, and stop again. *Shakefp.*
 Let the mutinous winds
 Strike the proud cedars to the fiery fun;
 Murthering impossibility, to make
 What cannot be, flight work. *Shakefp. Coriolanus.*
 MURDERER. *n. f.* [from *murder*.] One who has shed human blood unlawfully; one who has killed a man criminally.
 Thou dost kill me with thy unkind falsehood, and it grieves me not to die; but it grieves me that thou art the *murderer*. *Sidney*, b. ii.
 I am his host,
 Who should against his *murderer* shut the door,
 Not bear the knife myself. *Shakefp. Macbeth.*
 Thou tell'st me there is *murder* in mine eyes;
 'Tis pretty sure,
 That eyes, that are the frail't and softest things,
 Who shut their coward gates on atomies,
 Should be call'd tyrants, butchers, *murderers*. *Shak.*
 The very horror of the fact had stupified all curiosity, and so dispersed the multitude, that even the *murderer* himself might have escaped. *Watson.*
 Like some rich or mighty *murderer*,
 Too great for prison, which he breaks with gold,
 Who frether for new mischiefs does appear,
 And dares the world to tax him with the old. *Dryden.*
 This stranger having had a brother killed by the conspirator, and having till now fought in vain for an opportunity of revenge, chanced to meet the *murderer* in the temple. *Addison's Guardian*, N° 177.
 With equal terrors, not with equal guilt,
 The *murderer* dreams of all the blood he spilt. *Swift.*
 MURDERESS. *n. f.* [from *murderer*.] A woman that commits murder.
 When by thy scorn, O *murderess*! I am dead,
 Then shall my ghost come to thy bed,
 And these feign'd vestal in worse arms shall see. *Donne.*
 Diana's vengeance on the victor shown,
 The *murderess* mother, and consuming son. *Dryden.*
 Art thou the *murderess* then of wretched Laius. *Dryden.*
 MURDERMENT. *n. f.* [from *murder*.] The act of killing unlawfully.
 To her came message of the *murderment*. *Fairfax.*
 MURDEROUS. *adj.* [from *murder*.] Bloody; guilty of murder; addicted to blood.
 Upon thy eye-balls *murderous* tyranny
 Sits in grim majesty to fright the world. *Shaksp.*
 Oh *murderous* coxcomb! what should such a fool
 Do with so good a wife? *Shakefp. Othello.*
 Enforc'd to fly
 Thence into Egypt, till the *murderous* king
 Were dead, who fought his life; and missing, fill'd
 With infant blood the streets of Bethlehem. *Milton.*
 If she has deform'd this earthly life
 With *murderous* rapine and seditious strife;
 In everlasting darkness must she lie. *Prior.*
 MURE. *n. f.* [*mur*, Fr. *murus*, Lat.] A wall. Not in use.
 The incessant care and labour of his mind
 Hath wrought the *mure*, that should confine it in,
 So thin, that life looks through and will break out. *Shak.*
 To MURE. *v. a.* [*mure*, Fr. from *murus*, Lat.] To inclose in walls.
 All the gates of the city were *mured* up, except such as were referred to fall out at. *Knolles's Hist. of the Turks.*
 MURRE. *n. f.* [*murus*, Latin.] An overcoat of a wall.
 MURIA'TICK. *adj.* Partaking of the taste or nature of brine, or any such like pickles, from *muria*, brine or pickle. *Quincy.*
 If the scurvy be entirely *muria'tick*, proceeding from a diet of salt flesh or fish, anticorbutick vegetables may be given with success, but tempered with acids. *Arbuthnot.*
 MURK. *n. f.* [*morck*, Danish, dark.] Darkness; want of light.
 Ere twice in *murk* and occidental damp,
 Moist Hesperus hath quench'd his sleepy lamp. *Shakefp. Ayn.*
 MURK. *n. f.* Huffs of fruit. *Murky.*

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MURK. *adj.* [*morck*, Danish.] Dark; cloudy; wanting light.
 The *murkiest* den,
 The most opportune place, the strong't suggestion
 Shall never melt mine honour into luit. *Shakefp. Tempest.*
 So scented the grim feature, and up-turn'd
 His nostrils wide into the *murky* air,
 Sagacious of his quarry. *Milton's Par. Lost.*
 A *murky* storm deep low'ring o'er our heads
 Hung imminent, that with impervious gloom
 Oppos'd itself to Cynthia's silver ray. *Addison.*
 MURMUR. *n. f.* [*murmur*, Lat. *murmure*, Fr.]
 1. A low shrill noise.
 Flame as it moveth within itself, or is blown by a bellows, giveth a *murmur* or interior sound. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*
 When the wing'd colonies first tempt the sky,
 Or setting, seize the sweets the blossoms yield, *Pope.*
 Then a low *murmur* runs along the field. *Pope.*
 2. A complaint half suppressed; a complaint not openly uttered.
 Some discontents there are; some idle *murmers*;
 How idle *murmers*! *Shakefp. King Lear.*
 The doors are all shut up; the wealthier sort,
 With arms across, and hats upon their eyes,
 Walk to and fro before their silent shops. *Dryden.*
 To MURMUR. *v. n.* [*murmure*, Lat. *murmure*, Fr.]
 1. To give a low shrill sound.
 The *murmuring* surge,
 That on th' unnumber'd idle pebbles chafes,
 Can scarce be heard so high. *Shakefp. King Lear.*
 Amid an isle around whose rocky shore
 The forests *murmur*, and the furies roar,
 A goddess guards in her enchanted dome. *Pope.*
 The busy bees with a soft *murmuring* strain,
 Invite to gentle sleep the lab'ring swain. *Dryden.*
 2. To grumble; to utter secret and fullen discontent. With at before things, and again before persons.
 The good we have enjoy'd from heav'n's free will;
 And shall we *murmur* to endure the ill? *Dryden.*
Murmur not at your sickness, for thereby you will sin against God's providence. *Wake's Prep. for Death.*
 The good consequences of this scheme, which will execute itself without *murmuring* against the government, are very visible. *Swift.*
 MURMURER. *n. f.* [from *murmure*.] One who repines; one who complains fully; a grumbler; a repiner; a complainer.
 Heav'n's peace be with him!
 That's christian care enough; for living *murmurers*
 There's places of rebuke. *Shakefp. Henry VIII.*
 The *murmurer* is turned off to the company of those doleful creatures, which were to inhabit the ruins of Babylon. *Government of the Tongue.*
 Still might the discontented *murmurer* cry,
 Ah hapless fate of man! ah wretch doom'd once to die. *Blackmore on the Creation.*
 MURNIVAL. *n. f.* [*mariegle*, Fr. from *murner*, to stun.] Four cards of a sort. *Skinner and Anstworth.*
 MURRAIN. *n. f.* [The etymology of this word is not clear; *mur* is an old word for a catarrh, which might well answer to the glanders; *muriana*, low Latin. *Skinner* derives it from *mori*, to die.] The plague in cattle.
 Away rag'd rans, care I what *murrain* kill. *Sidney.*
 Some trials would be made of mixtures of water in ponds for cattle, to make them more milch, to fatten, or to keep them from *murrain*. *Bacon.*
 A hallowed band
 Cou'd tell what *murrains*, in what months begun. *Garth.*
 MURRE. *n. f.* A kind of bird.
 Among the first fort we reckon coots, meaves, *murres*, cressers and curlews. *Carew.*
 MURRAY. *adj.* [*more*, Fr. *morello*, Italian; from *moro*, a Moor.] Darkly red.
 The leaves of some trees turn a little *murrey* or reddish. *Bacon's Natural History.*
 They employ it in certain proportions, to tinge their glass both with red colour, or with a purplish or *murrey*. *Boyle.*
 Painted glass of a sanguine red, will not ascend in powder above a *murrey*. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
 Cornelius jumps out, a stocking upon his head, and a waistcoat of *murrey*-coloured satin upon his body. *Arbuth.*
 MURRIAN. *n. f.* [often written *morion*. See *MORION*.] *Junius* derives it from *murus*, a wall.] A helmet; a casque; a armour for the head.
 Their beef they often in their *murrians* stew'd,
 And in their basket-hilts their be'rage brew'd. *King.*
 MURTH of Corn. *n. f.* Plenty of grain. *Ains.*
 MUSCADEL. *adj.* [*muscat*, *muscadell*, Fr. *moscatello*, Italian; *MUSCADINE*.] either from the fragrance resembling the nutmegs, *nux muscata*, or from *musca*, a fly; flies being eager of those grapes.] A kind of sweet grape, sweet wine and sweet pear.

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 The instruments of motion are the *muscles*, the fibres whereof, contracting themselves, move the several parts of the body. *Locke.*
 2. A bivalve shell-fish.
 Of shell-fish, there are wrinkles, limpers, cockles and *muscles*. *Carew's Survey of Cornwall.*
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 MUSCOSTITY. *n. f.* [*muscosus*, Lat.] Mollified.
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